
SENATE BILL No. 201

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: IC 3-11-8.

Synopsis: Alternate polling places. Requires each county election board and county board of elections and registration to establish at least one alternate polling place at a central location in the jurisdiction in which an election will be held for use in the event that voters are unable to vote in their assigned polling place because the polls do not open within one hour after the time required. Requires that at least one alternate polling place be established at a central location in each township included in the jurisdiction in which the election will be held, if the jurisdiction has at least 25,000 active voters. Requires that an alternate polling place be located in an accessible facility and operated under the requirements for precincts and polls. Provides that votes cast at an alternate polling place shall be counted and reported in the same manner as if the votes had been cast at the polls that did not open.

Effective: July 1, 2008.

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January 8, 2008, read first time and referred to Committee on Local Government and Elections.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning elections.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. IC 3-11-8-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS
2 [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 2. A voter shall vote at the polls for
3 the precinct where the voter resides except when authorized to vote:

4 (1) in another precinct under IC 3-10-10, IC 3-10-11, or
5 IC 3-10-12; or

6 (2) at a special voting poll under section 6.5 of this chapter; or

7 (3) **at an alternate polling place under section 3.3 of this**
8 **chapter.**

9 SECTION 2. IC 3-11-8-3.2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS
10 FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: Sec. 3.2. (a) A county
11 executive shall give ten (10) days notice of the place of voting in each
12 precinct by publication in the manner prescribed by IC 5-3-1-4. The
13 notice must include the following information:

14 (1) For each precinct, whether the polls are located in an
15 accessible facility.

16 (2) If special polling places are designated under section 6.5 of
17 this chapter:

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(A) the location of each special polling place; and

(B) the procedures for elderly voters and voters with disabilities to apply to vote at a special polling place.

(b) If it is necessary to change a place for voting after giving notice, notice of the change shall be given in the same manner. However, except as provided in subsection (c) **or section 3.3 of this chapter**, a change may not be made within two (2) days before an election.

(c) If the county election board determines by a unanimous vote of the board's entire membership that the use of a polling place at an election would be dangerous or impossible, the county election board may order the relocation of the polling place during the final two (2) days before an election. The county election board shall give the best possible notice of this change to news media and the voters of the precinct. If an order is adopted under this subsection, the order expires after the election.

SECTION 3. IC 3-11-8-3.3 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE AS A NEW SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2008]: **Sec. 3.3. (a) Before each election that is held after June 30, 2008, each:**

(1) county election board; and

(2) county board of elections and registration;

shall designate at a central location in the jurisdiction in which the election will be held at least one (1) alternate polling place for use in the event that voters are unable to vote in their assigned polling place because the polls do not open within one (1) hour after the time that the polls are required to open under section 8 of this chapter.

(b) If the polls in any precinct do not open within one (1) hour after the polls are required to open under section 8 of this chapter, the county election board or county board of elections and registration shall order the relocation of the polling place to the alternate polling place designated under subsection (a).

(c) The county election board shall give the best possible notice of the relocation of the polling place to the news media and the voters of the precinct.

(d) If the jurisdiction in which the election will be held has at least twenty-five thousand (25,000) active voters, the county election board or county board of elections and registration shall designate at least one (1) alternate polling place at a central location in each township included in the jurisdiction in which the election will be held.

(e) An alternate polling place designated under this section

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- 1 **must:**
2 **(1) be located in an accessible facility; and**
3 **(2) operate under all other requirements for precincts and**
4 **polls under this title.**
5 **(f) Votes cast at an alternate polling place shall be counted and**
6 **reported in the same manner as if the votes had been cast at the**
7 **polls that did not open within the period required under subsection**
8 **(a).**

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